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Mr. Tim Stepp
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RE: Lincoln County Asbestos Cell(s) Closure

Dear Tim:

First, I want to thank you for your cooperation during the establishment of the asbestos cell in Libby. Your help and patience is appreciated. Second, pursuant to our conversation in Libby last week, I wanted to provide written assurance to MDEQ regarding closure of the landfill cells.

As I have indicated, EPA seeks to meet all substantive requirements of a permitted Class IV asbestos landfill while the Lincoln County permit process proceeds. Permits generally require posting financial assurance for closure. In lieu of a financial assurance, EPA is providing a written assurance that we will take all necessary actions to close the asbestos cell(s) in accordance with the Lincoln County Class IV Asbestos Landfill Operations Plan and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Lincoln County should any conditions warrant such closing.

Again, thanks for your help with our asbestos cell. We will notify you approximately one week in advance of the commencement of landfill operations. If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 312-6748.

Sincerely,

Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Ron Anderson, Lincoln County; John McGuiggin, Volpe Center

